

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication device having an address book storing data of communication destinations, said communication device comprising:

first access means for accessing data of said address book in response to operations of a Resident Panel;

second access means for accessing data of said address book in response to requests from other devices on a network; and

control means for deciding to permit or deny address book data changing requests from said first access means, and from said second access means.

2. A communication device according to Claim 1, wherein said control means gives priority to requests for changing the data of said address book from said first access means over requests for changing the data of said address book from said second access means.

3. A communication device according to Claim 1, wherein said control means prevents changing the data of said address book from said second access means in the event that access to said address book from said first access means is active.

4. A communication device according to Claim 1, further comprising first display means for displaying a first guide display on a Resident Display for accessing said address book from said first access means;

wherein said control means prevents changing the data of said address book from said second access means synchronously with starting of a display by said first guide display.

5. A communication device according to Claim 4, wherein said control means permits changing of the data of said address book from said second access means synchronously with ending of a display by said first guide display.

6. A communication device according to Claim 4, further comprising second display means for displaying a second guide display on a Display of the other devices for accessing said address book from said second access means;

wherein said control means permits address book data changing requests from said first access means even in the event that said second guide display is being displayed on a Display of the other devices.

7. A communication device according to Claim 1, wherein said address book stores addresses corresponding to multiple communication protocols for each destination.

8. A communication device according to Claim 1, wherein said second access means provides functions of access to said address book for the other devices by WWW server functions.

9. A communication device having an address book storing data of communication destinations, said communication device comprising:

a local operating unit for providing functions of access to said address book for local users;

a remote operating unit for providing functions of access to said address book for remote users on a network; and

a control unit for deciding to permit or deny address book data changing requests from said local operating unit, and from said remote operating unit.

10. A communication device having an address book storing data of communication destinations, said communication device comprising:

a remote operating unit for establishing a

communication connection for providing functions of access to said address book for a plurality of remote users on a network; and

a control unit for denying requests for changing data of said address book by other remote users following a communication connection being established for a request for changing data of said address book from one remote user by said remote access means, until said connection is released.

11. A method for accessing an address book with a communication device, said method comprising:

a first access step for accessing data of said address book in response to operations of a Resident Panel;

a second access step for accessing data of said address book in response to requests from other devices on a network; and

a control step for deciding to permit or deny address book data changing requests in said first access step, and in said second access step.

12. A method according to Claim 11, wherein said control step gives priority to requests for changing the data of said address book in said first access step over requests for changing the data of said address book in said second access step.

13. A method according to Claim 11, wherein said control step prevents changing the data of said address book in said second access step in the event that access to said address book in said first access step is active.

14. A method according to Claim 11, further comprising a first display step for displaying a first guide display on a Resident Display for accessing said address book in said first access step;

wherein said control step prevents changing the data of said address book in said second access step synchronously with starting of a display by said first guide display.

15. A method according to Claim 14, wherein said control step permits requests for changing of the data of said address book in said second access step synchronously with ending of a display by said first guide display.

16. A method according to Claim 14, further comprising a second display step for displaying a second guide display on a Display of the other devices for accessing said address book in said second access step;

wherein said control step permits changing the data of said address book in said first access step even in the

event that said second guide display is being displayed on a Display of the other devices.

17. A method according to Claim 11, wherein said address book stores addresses corresponding to multiple communication protocols for each destination.

18. A method according to Claim 11, wherein said second access step provides functions of access to said address book for the other devices by WWW server functions.

19. A method for accessing an address book with a communication device, said method comprising:

a local operating step for providing functions of access to said address book for local users;

a remote operating step for providing functions of access to said address book for remote users on a network; and

a control step for deciding to permit or deny address book data changing requests in said local operating step, and in said remote operating step.

20. A method for accessing an address book with a communication device, said method comprising the steps of: establishing a communication connection for access to

said address book for a plurality of remote users on a network; and

denying requests for changing data of said address book by other remote users following a communication connection being established for an address book data changing request from one remote user, until said connection is released.

21. A method for accessing an address book with a communication device, said method comprising the steps of:

accessing the data of said address book via a first interface;

accessing the data of said address book via a second interface which is different from said first interface; and

generating guide display data for accessing said address book based on access from either of said first interface or said second interface.

22. A method according to Claim 21, wherein the guide display data generated based on access from said second interface contains data for executing a predetermined program in response to instructions from an operator.

23. A computer program executed by a computer of a communication device, said computer program comprising:

a first access step for accessing data of said address

book in response to operations of a Resident Panel;

a second access step for accessing data of said address book in response to requests from other devices on a network; and

a control step for deciding to permit or deny address book data changing requests in said first access step, and in said second access step.

24. A computer program executed by a computer of a communication device, said computer program comprising:

a local operating step for providing functions of access to said address book for local users;

a remote operating step for providing functions of access to said address book for remote users on a network; and

a control step for deciding to permit or deny address book data changing requests in said local operating step, and in said remote operating step.

25. A computer program executed by a computer of a communication device, said computer program comprising the steps of:

establishing a communication connection for access to said address book for a plurality of remote users on a network; and



denying requests for changing data of said address book by other remote users following a communication connection being established for an address book data changing request from one remote user, until said connection is released.

26. A computer program executed by a computer of a communication device, said computer program comprising the steps of:

accessing the data of said address book via a first interface;

accessing the data of said address book via a second interface which is different from said first interface; and

generating guide display data for accessing said address book based on access from either of said first interface and said second interface.

27. A computer-readable storage medium storing the computer program according to Claim 23.

28. A computer-readable storage medium storing the computer program according to Claim 24.

29. A computer-readable storage medium storing the computer program according to Claim 25.

30. A computer-readable storage medium storing the computer program according to Claim 26.